

# Freedom, Equality, Justice War Aims, Pres. Roosevelt Pledges At Press Conference; Race Baiters Denounced

'Ye Shall Know The Truth And The Truth Shall Make You Free'

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Statement Is Seen As Answer To Sen. Bilbo  
Terms Racial Persecutions One Of Blackest Crimes

## MANY RACE ENGINEERS CITED FOR BRAVERY

### UN-COVERING WASHINGTON



### Is Poll Tax Bill Worth Its Paper?

Is abolishing the poll tax worth while?

With the biggest fight on record shaping up in the United States Senate over passage of HR 7, the anti-poll tax bill, with Senator Bilbo of Mississippi and his poll tax colleagues openly threatening to filibuster the bill to death, some Negroes have raised this question.

They are in a minority, to be sure, but their public stature and positions of influence make their statements difficult to ignore.

It is true, Negro ministers deep in Alabama and Texas and Georgia have joined five hundred strong in a statement to the United States Senate in favor of abolishing the poll tax. Students in Negro colleges throughout the country have circulated petitions and collected money that has helped make the fight possible. Our women's clubs have organized vigorous letter writing campaigns. Negroes in Unions and business organizations have gone on record for the pending bill. Leaders of every major Negro organization in Washington have helped in every crisis to guide the bill through Congress. The Negro people, as a whole, have united with all liberal forces, the church, labor, civic and fraternal groups, to work for passage of HR 7.

**HOWARD DOUBTS WORTH OF BILL**

Still, no less a figure than Perry W. Howard, Republican National Committee from Mississippi, says the anti poll tax bill is not worth the paper it is written on without certain amendments. He says even after the poll tax has been wiped off the books, the ballot boxes will be locked still to the Negro people because of "white primaries," false literacy tests, and all the other means known to corrupt politics.

With deference to Mr. Howard's political sagacity and his knowledge of the South, it is nevertheless a fact that the poll tax was one of the methods used by a ruthless minority to deny democracy to the majority. It was only one of the techniques; but it was the most skillful.

It was the most skillful because it was so well put beyond the reach of the majority. The ruthless minority worked also in more openly brutal ways; but these ways were also more openly undemocratic. Someday, this ruthless minority realizes, these other methods might be exposed and overturned. But the poll tax is safely rooted in the state constitutions so deeply that only a constitutional amendment in each state could uproot it—or federal action.

As Negroes, and as loyal Americans, working to push aside all the barriers that keep us from full citizenship so that we may take our places shoulder to shoulder with all free people, we have neither time to waste nor opportunities to lose. We must do what we can, as best we can, whenever we can.

**PRACTICAL STEP TAKE EVERY**

We must take every practical step in every state to expose and to overthrow discrimination, injustice and corruption. Our fight for a full democracy goes forward only as it grows stronger and wiser with every step, however short that step may be.

All Negro soldiers are dying in the air over Italy, and in the

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### Britain-Based Engineers Get Many Praises

English Are Captivated By Their Artistry

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND — (ANP) — Come on, you breast-beaters, and start the tom-toms a-roaring for there is a new star on the military horizon, which is rising on the wings of achievement in record itself. It is an engineer aviation battalion, and what it has done, so far, threatens to make colored America forget about the famous "Singing Engineers" of Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Able pilot Major Charles F. Bassett of Flint, Mich., a cool and deliberate veteran of the corps of engineers, it has some records in the way of building airdromes, a most vital part of the operation plan of the European theater, where the biggest single job of the war is being put over by the 8th air force in its incessant hammering of German military objectives in Northern France. Germany herself, and all coastal installations, where "Jerry" might have his so-called "secret weapon spotted."

But not only has the outfit made a notable record in the airdrome building matter, those lads have also shown an amazing versatility which has captured the hearts of the English and American people who are in Great Britain, for they also sang, and that is spoiled "s i n g. Yes, indeed.

When this outfit put its 200-voice chorus on the huge stage in London's Royal Albert hall, and with the background provided by the London Symphony orchestra, gave out with a soul-stirring version of "Ballad For American" by John Latouche and Earl Robinson and then, for good measure throw in a few of those old-fashioned spirituals for which the American Negro is noted round the world, there came the highest praise from no less a source than Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general. It was on this program that Roland Hayes appeared in the melodic superlative which only Hayes has ever possessed.

But the magic inspiration provided by the presence of smiling Pvt. James Ellis McDaniel, of Kansas City, formerly with "The Charioteers," is no less reflected in their performance, afield when they play their "GI" trade of engineering. For, working under trying conditions, and with casualties, these dusky-headed lads completed in 48 weeks a task which the schedule had set for 60 weeks. In

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## FEPC DEFENDED IN CONGRESS

Let It Snow, Let It Blow, They Have A New Ship



UNTROUBLED by the equinoctial unpleasantness that arrived on the wings of Spring, two sailors of the U. S. Navy smile happily as they stand by the bow of the U. S. S. Mason, destroyer escort, put into full commission at the Boston Navy Yard. The Mason is the first U. S. Naval vessel with a predominantly Negro crew.

### Patted On Back In House, But Knifed In Senate

Rep. Dawson In Fervent Plea For Increased Budget

(Washington Bureau, The Atlanta Daily World and NNPA)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — While the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice (FEPC) was having the unusual experience of being "patted on the back" in the House of Representatives last week, it was being "knifed in the back" in the Senate.

Attention was focussed on the FEPC in the Senate during the debate and vote on Sen. Russell (D. of Ga.) amendment to abolish all Presidentially-created agencies which have functioned for a year unless Congress makes specific appropriations to maintain them. The amendment was passed by a

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## Are 9th, 10th Broken Up?

### Prof. Wilson To Be Health Week Speaker At Ritz

Professor Charles H. Wilson, Sr., Alcorn, Mississippi, widely known orator, who has been selected as Guest Speaker during National Negro Health Week Celebration, Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Talladega College, and the University of Southern California. At present he is serving as Chairman of the Social Science Department at Alcorn A. and M. College.

At that institution he has successfully coached winning debate teams, as well as coached winners in local and state-wide oratorical contests in the State. By many he is considered as being one of the outstanding orators of the State. He will come to Jackson on Sunday, April 9, amply prepared to deliver a message on "The Importance of Good Conduct in Public Places."

The program is sponsored by the Committee on Improving Public Conduct in conjunction with the Health Committee at the New Ritz Theatre. Music will be furnished by local schools and colleges. The public is cordially invited to be present for this history making event on Sunday, April 9, at 3:30 p. m., in the new Ritz Theatre.

**MR. ZACK MILLER**

CARTERSVILLE, Ga.—Mr. Zack Miller died Thursday. He was funeralized Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

### Bishop Named Head Of State's Teachers

Prof. E. S. Bishop, principal of the Corinth High School, among the most prominent of the younger group of school men of the state was elected president of the Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, at its annual meeting held at Lanier High School here last week. In one of the closest contests recorded in the history of the organization Prof. Bishop, in a run-off vote, won over Prof. I. S. Sanders, principal of Lanier High School here, by a plurality of nine votes.

In the matter of the equalization of Teachers salaries, a question of growing concern among the teachers, nothing was said or done during the meeting. It was regarded as significant, by observers however, that the sum of \$1500.00 was set aside as a "reserve fund." It being freely discussed and being the concrete evidence that plans are being made for an ultimate move of much importance barring a continued improvement in salary and other matters respecting Negro education.

Other officers elected were: A. L. Johnson, Prentiss, Vice-president; Mrs. A. B. Harper, Pinola, Secretary; Miss Norweda Nichols, Biloxi; Asst. Sec'y, W. F. Calbert, Philadelphia; Treasurer, Miss B. J. Lemon, Pontotoc; Registrar, Miss Ruby Ross, Lexington, Asst. Registrar, B. B. Dansby, Jackson Custodian of Journal Funds, W. W. Blackburn, Executive Secretary.

District officer 1st, J. N. Orr, Macon, 2nd, Mrs. S. C. Phillips,

### Report Famous Units Broken Up

NEW YORK—(S N S)—What has become of the famous Negro cavalry regiments, the 9th and 10th?

This is the question uppermost in the minds of those who have watched recent movement in the War Department. The report persists that the famous Regular Army regiments, with many years of distinguished service, have been broken up into service units.

**NOW SERVICE TROOPS?**

It is known that the 9th and 10th were part of the Second Cavalry Division which until recently was in training at Fort Clark, Texas. The Second Cavalry Division has disappeared and while no formal statement has been made by the War Department the report is being circulated that the 9th and 10th have been made into service troops.

On the other hand, the First Cavalry Division, composed of white troops, has just won honors for itself by completing the invasion of the Admiralty Islands.

The report on the 9th and 10th comes hard on the basis of the admission by Secretary Stimson of the War Department that Negro combat units are being broken up and converted into service units.

**WON HIGH HONORS**

Secretary Stimson wrote Congressmen Hamilton Fish that Negroes did not have sufficient education to understand the use of modern weapons of war. He cited particularly the old 8th Illinois Regiment from Chicago which was trained in this war as the 184th Field Artillery. In the first World War this regiment, known then

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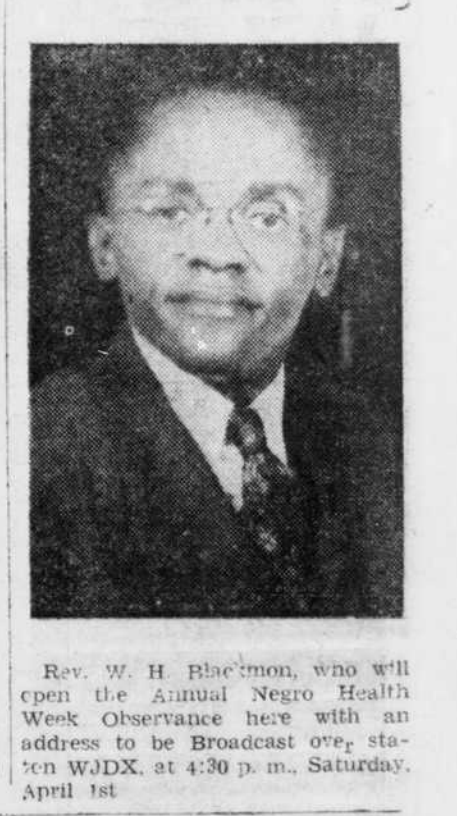
### State Board Sees Better Health For Negro Children

Better Health for Negro children will be the special objective of this year's Negro Health Week program to be celebrated April 2-April 9. In addition to special attention directed toward improving health conditions among the Negro children, the usual emphasis will also be placed upon the established aims of Negro Health Week—community cleanliness, improved home life and better health, it was announced by the State Board of Health here this week.

As in other years, National Negro Health Week will be observed throughout Mississippi with health departments and lay groups concerned with the health departments and lay groups concerned with the health of their communities co-operating.

The work of this special week devoted to the health of Negroes will be closely correlated with the regular health department activities. Emphasis will be upon such year-round services as clinics and conferences for expectant mothers, the medical examinations and inspections of school children and the importance of immunization against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid fever.

### Radio Speaker



## Plans Laid For Thirtieth Observance Of Health Week

The Thirtieth Annual observance of National Negro Health Week will be held here during the week of April 2-9th, and according to Miss Nettie Perkins, Local Public Health Nurse, and officials of the State Board of Health, greater emphasis will be given to this year's observance than at any other time before in the history of the city.

The theme of the observance is "The Health of Our Children in the home, school, and community." In looking forward to the fullest development of this theme during the week, a full and complete program each day will carry the message of health to Negro groups of all ages, with the fullest utilization being made of the schools, churches, theatres, and other places of assembly in order to reach the greatest possible numbers. Joined in the program are all the local physicians and dentists, nurses, school teachers, and others whose special interest and abilities will contribute to making the program a success.

The observance will officially open on Saturday, April 1st, when Rev. Whalon A. Blackman, Chaplain of Jackson College, and Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church, will deliver an address that will be broadcast at 4:30 p. m., over station WJDX; and on the following Sunday, all ministers of the city will preach Mobilization for Health Sermons.

A special feature of the week will be the Public Address of Dr. D. V. Galloway, Supervisor of School Health, Miss Board of Health, who will speak to the public at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, April 6th, at Lanier High School. The program will also include music by the Lanier High School Chorus under the direction of Miss M. V. Manning, the Lanier High School band, under the direction of Prof. Kermit Holly, and the Jackson College.

All during the week each school

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